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Mr. C. Basu Dev:—" May I know whether Government will be pleased to call for information in regard to clause (*a*) of the question?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Mahomed Usman Sahib Bahadur:— " There is no necessity to call for the information. If a Government servant has been superseded, he has always got the right of appeal."

Duties of the Publication Assistant, Government Press.

* 228 *Q.*—Mr. C. Basu Dev: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) what are the duties of the Publication Assistant on Rs. 200—10—250 in the Government Press, Madras; and

(*b*) what are the duties of the Head Clerk on Rs. 125—5—175?

A.—(*a*) The Publication Assistant is practically a Personal Assistant to the Superintendent, Government Press, on non-technical matters. He relieves the Superintendent of much of his routine work and exercises a general supervision over the office of the Superintendent, Government Press.

(*b*) The head clerk is in immediate charge of correspondence and accounts relating to the Government Press.

Mr. C. Basu Dev:—" Is it a fact that the Superintendent, Government Press, has also got two Deputy Superintendents to assist him?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Mahomed Usman Sahib Bahadur:— " I suppose so."

Mr. C. Basu Dev:—" If so, will the Government be pleased to consider the question of abolishing the post of Publication Assistant as a measure of retrenchment?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Mahomed Usman Sahib Bahadur:— " That does not arise."

Motor Vehicles Act

Qualifications of Bus Inspectors.

* 229 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the qualifications prescribed for the holders of the office of Bus Inspectors;

(*b*) the number of Bus Inspectors already appointed in the Presidency and how many out of them are qualified; and

(*c*) the districts for which the appointments have yet to be made?

A.—(*a*) No qualifications have been prescribed.

(*b*) Twenty Inspectors of Motor Vehicles have been appointed for twenty-one districts.

(*c*) Anantapur, Cuddapah, Guntur, Kurnool and Madras City.

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Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—" May I know what the considerations are which are kept in view in making these appointments ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:— " Experience and practical knowledge."

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—" May I know who makes these appointments? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:— " The District Magistrates. "

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—" May I know whether it is not the case that men who are unfit for any such work are appointed for the post ? "

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR:—" May I know whether the Government will be pleased to appoint in future only men with experience of motor-driving ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:— " The question will be considered, Sir. As hon. Members know, we have appointed a Committee to examine the rules in connexion with the working of the Motor Vehicles Act. When that Committee meets, this will be one of the questions to be considered. "

Diwan Bahadur M. GOPALASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" May I know whether at least hereafter the Government will prescribe the qualifications for the post, so that there will be no room for appointing unqualified men ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:— " As I said just now, that point will be considered by the Committee. "

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—" May I know whether the Bus Inspector appointed for Nellore had any technical qualifications ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—" I want notice of the question. "

Mr. V. P. NARAYANAN NAMBIYAR:—" I had some months back put an interpellation regarding the appointment made by the District Magistrate, Nellore, and the Government then replied that they were awaiting a report from the District Magistrate. May I know whether the report has been received ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:— " If I remember aright, the report has come. "

Mr. V. P. NARAYANAN NAMBIYAR:—" May I know whether the report shows that the man appointed possesses the requisite qualifications and experience ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—" I do not remember the details. If the hon. Member tables a question, I shall give details. "

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Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—" May I know whether one or two persons who have held these posts have absolutely no qualifications but have been debarred and disqualified by the college and other educational institutions ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—" I have no information. "

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—" May I know whether it is a fact that in Tinnevelly the appointments were made without even an advertisement calling for applications for the post ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—" Notice, Sir. "

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI:—" May I know whether in the City of Madras not only the types of vehicles should be licensed with the particular driver of each vehicle, but also each number of the type is also required to be licensed with the driver's licence ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—" I am not aware of it. I shall enquire."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—" May I know if the Government have got a list of motor vehicles in regard to which licences are sought ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—" The Government have not got it. I think the District Magistrates and the Commissioner of Police have got such lists. "

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—" May I know if the Government are aware of the extent of the hardship that this order involves on the poor drivers of motor buses and motor cars with regard to the fulfilment of this condition ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—" I am prepared to consider the suggestion, Sir. "

Driving licence for motor bus drivers.

* 230 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDAR: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state why motor drivers are required to obtain complementary licence for driving every make of motor bus?

A.—In order to prevent them from driving buses with whose mechanism they are unfamiliar.

Closure of the Museum road for bus traffic.

* 231 *Q.*—Mr. M. S. SRESHTA: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state the reasons for not permitting buses to run along the Museum road?

A.—The Commissioner of Police has reported that buses can be allowed to use the Pantheon road up to the Museum and the Victoria Technical Institute, but not beyond the Anderson bridge. The area beyond the bridge is entirely residential and the persons living there do not need buses. The proper route for buses bound for Nungambakkam is along the Spur Tank road which they are now using.